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REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

LABOR AND THE PRESS

We labor people often complain, and correctly, that the daily press is unfair to us, that it features the bad news about us, and neglects the good news.

But sometimes we act in such a way that one wonders if we have any notion of good public relations at all, and whether we don't just feed bad publicity to the dailies with both hands.

For instance. Right now we of the AFLCIO are making a legitimate drive to get the House to reject the "labor reform" bill as it came from the Senate. We contend that the measure is unduly restrictive, and that the AFLCIO has shown such a genuine desire to throw out its crooks and Commies that the restrictions now in the bill are unnecessary.

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ON THE PLATFORM!

So what public relations techniques do we use in the Bay Area to back up our drive? Well, here's the answer:

1. Hoffa comes out here, blasts the AFLCIO leadership's clean-up policy, and announces that he and Harry Bridges are co-operating in an organizational drive in the State of Hawaii.

2. When Hoffa makes his speech to the Western Conference of Teamsters, among those sitting on the platform back of him are: C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary of the California Federation of Labor; Tom Pitts, president of the California Federation of Labor; George Johns, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council and Dan Del Carlo, secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Building Trades Council.

So if the Chronicle publishes, as it did, on July 8, a 6-column picture of this platform display of AFLCIO dignitaries associating with Hoffa, the pal of Bridges, are we to say it's the press that's at fault?

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THEY WILL SAY . . .

Let it be understood in advance that the editor of East Bay Labor Journal knows quite well what some people will say in criticism of this column.

Yes. They will say—and emphatically—that to have a labor editor mention such a matter is bad public relations!

Campus liquor law

On motion of Pat Sander, Cooks 228, the Central Labor Council authorized the sending of wires to Governor Brown asking him to sign three measures liberalizing the old law against serving liquor within a required limit from a university.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Building Trade Councils' men stir democracy

The Building Trades Council at its last meeting voted to send BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers as its delegate to the convention of the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department in San Francisco September 9-11.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, who made the motion to send Childers as the council's delegate, commented that "since the change in the department's constitution allowing councils to send delegates, affairs have been livened up at the department convention, and it means there will be more democracy."

Chester Bartalini, Carpenters 36, agreed with this, saying that "it does help to get people from all parts of the country to the convention, but of course the voting strength of the councils is weak, even with each one sending a delegate."

The vote of the internationals, one speaker said, still dominates the convention, for while council delegates stir up issues, and participate in lively discussion, when it comes to voting, the big blocs of the internationals control the result.

STATE CONVENTION

BTC Secretary John Davy read communications about the executive board of the State BTC meeting July 30 at 1903 West Olympic boulevard, Los Angeles, and the Advisory Council of the State BTC meeting the next day at the Los Angeles BTC Auditorium. Childers will attend.

Childers pointed out that any resolutions which any local wishes to have go before the California Labor Federation convention in San Diego should be filed before the July 30 BTC board meeting.

Jones said that when attending the executive council of the California Labor Federation recently in Hollywood he learned that hotel facilities in San Diego are going to be badly overcrowded with delegates during the CLF convention, and that many will have to go to motels. He said that many of the motels were excellent.

Jones advised delegates to write to the Tourist Reservation office, 924 Second avenue, San Diego, as soon as possible, to get their reservations lined up.

Jones added that the convention hall to be used in San Diego is also somewhat small for the purpose.

NO FED ELECTIONS

In answer to a query, Jones said there would be no election of officers at the California Labor Federation convention this year, and that the convention will be held biennially after the coming one, so the staff officers and the vice presidents are holding office for three years in the first period after the State merging of AFL and CIO.

Any man formerly of the AFL who went to the meetings of the Federation executive council expecting that he would have pain-

Crisis in Congress: Write now!

The House Labor Committee is now working on the most important legislation affecting the labor movement which has been considered since passage of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Like Taft-Hartley, labor-management "reform" legislation could be tremendously harmful to the trade union movement—or it could be legislation which would help eliminate crooks without hurting honest unions.

It is essential that every trade union member who wants to keep his union strong AND get rid of racketeers, write his Congressman NOW. Next week may be too late.—AFLCIO Legislative Bureau.

Paint Makers vs. Wards

Paint Makers 1101 at an NLRB hearing Friday of last week asked for a representative election involving some 22 workers in the Montgomery Ward paint warehouse in San Leandro.

Attorneys for Ward's and for Teamster Warehousemen 853 appeared against the Paint Makers.

Les Moore, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 16, told the Central Labor Council this week that "you couldn't tell them apart."

The Teamsters local contend-ed, as did Ward's that the workers in the paint warehouse are

covered by the national agreement between the company and the Teamster Warehousemen.

"Looks like a sweetheart deal," said Moore concisely, and added that if brought under the Paint Makers the workers involved would get wage increases ranging from 20 cents to 66 cents an hour.

Moore said that it might be necessary later to ask the council for assistance. He and Pete Ceremello, secretary-treasurer of the Paint Makers, attended the NLRB hearing on the matter.

Tax propaganda called menace

Tax-killing bunds of assorted names and sizes are springing up all over the State and firing off shotguns of publicity indiscriminately at all public service functions, Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender warned the Central Labor Council this week.

He said that some labor people were joining the hue and cry against all taxes.

Hellender said this was a very dangerous game for labor people, as it will play into the hands of the multimillionaires who are trying to head off any expansion of governmental function.

Hellender especially cited the successful campaign which tax-killing waged against the program, backed by labor, for ex-

pansion of service at Fairmont Hospital Rehabilitation Center. He and Les Moore, Painters 1176, had served on a committee which developed proof that hundreds of thousands in tax money could be saved by rehabilitating patients rather than letting them lie abed neglected year after year.

But the tax-killing saw only the immediate expenditure, and the Supervisors went along with them.

If many labor people line up with this sort of indiscriminating attack on all taxation it may react violently against labor's candidates in 1960, said Hellender.



HAWAIIAN MEMBERS of the Communications Workers, sending their first delegation to a convention, sent along leis as greetings from the 50th state to (left to right) Sec.-Treas. W. A. Smallwood, Dir. Elaine T. Gleason of Long Lines, which includes Hawaii, and Pres. Joseph A. Beirne. See story of convention on page 6.

Steel at Niles rushed out as strike starts

As the crisis in steel was moving toward its deadline this week Ken Steadman of Steel Workers 3367, the local whose members work at Pacific States Steel near Niles, told the Central Labor Council that long lines of trucks were forming to haul steel supplies out of the big plant.

"We feel sure it isn't going through the regular channels of commercial distribution," said Steadman. "The company, we assume, is storing it somewhere getting ready to have it available for sale if and when the strike starts."

Steadman told the delegates of the criticism the management was trying to make of the union at the plant, trying to pretend that the procedures weren't democratic, and even hinting that to be wholly democratic the union should permit the top manager to sit in and listen to the proceedings!

As the general steel strike started Tuesday midnight, negotiations were still proceeding at Pacific States Steel on local issues.

Steadman, reached by phone in the conference room of the plant Wednesday morning, said everyone was still at work, progress was being made in the negotiations, and ample notice would be given if a strike called.

It was generally assumed that if the strike starting at that time over the country, idling half a million workers, was not checked early by unexpected Government intervention, it would probably last quite awhile.

The obvious desire of the big corporations manufacturing steel to force a strike was considered to be a continuation of the effort of the big anti-labor groups to smash or cripple unionism, part of the drive which manifests itself in "right to work" legislation. Not only the Steelworkers, but unions in all industries and crafts were bracing for a big struggle.

Byron Rumford has sympathy of labor

Profoundly sympathetic messages are being received by Assemblyman Byron Rumford from labor people for the death of his son by drowning. The Central Labor Council sent flowers to the funeral.

The tragedy came into Rumford's family so shortly after the triumph of his long fight for the FEPC that it reminded all his friends and admirers of the precarious nature of human happiness.

Ferro's father dies

A requiem high mass was celebrated Monday morning at St. Joseph's Church in Alameda for Bernardo Ferro, aged 82, who died July 10. He was the father of John G. Ferro, president of Printing Specialties Local 382.

HOW TO BUY

Teach your kids how to buy!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Parents will have to be increasingly careful about heeding the suggestions of their children about what to buy. The use of business-sponsored teaching materials in schools and colleges is growing at a rapid rate, with these results already noticeable:

Teen-agers especially are successfully being influenced to buy the more highly-advertised brand name products. They also are showing strong preferences for those products whose manufacturers are most active in supplying booklets and other teaching materials to schools.

Teen-agers have a bigger influence than is realized in their parents' buying decision. One poll, for example, found that over half the high school students surveyed helped their families decide what car to buy. Your teen-ager is really susceptible to advertising. A researcher found that the company, General Electric, which is among the most active contributors of educational materials, and also advertises heavily in school magazines, leads the preferences of teen-agers for electrical equipment by a big majority. Surveys have found that two out of three students reported they are "most impressed" by this manufacturer.

Similarly, the Ford car, whose maker has as its announced aim "to catch tomorrow's market while it is young", and advertises most actively to teen-agers, is also the most popular car among youngsters. A survey by Scholastic Magazine found twice as many high-school kids preferred Ford to Chevrolet, with Mercury also ranking high with high schoolers.

But it's in the field of toiletries and cosmetics that brand-name advertising, whether through the schools or general

advertising, is most successful and potentially costly to your family. Scholastic Magazine reports that its surveys find school girls strongly prefer the more expensive cosmetics and toiletries.

The truth is, many tests have found that the chief difference between costly and low-priced brands of such toiletries as cold cream is merely the addition of a more expensive perfume.

Besides classroom materials, television has been a particularly successful medium in convincing children that the highly-advertised, costlier products are the best to buy. One researcher reports that high school boys spend about two hours a day viewing TV, and girls a little over an hour and a half.

Teachers themselves report that business-sponsored materials are successful in persuading kids of all ages to buy the products of sponsors of these materials. In fact, the older teen-agers are even more susceptible to influence than the younger ones, although at all ages a large number are influenced.

Suede shoes require care

Suede shoes, a year-round favorite with many women, often present care problems. The nap tends to thin and the surface, if not properly cared for, is inclined to become discolored. Following are basic rules for keeping suede looking new:

When the shoes are new, they should be sprayed with a renewer to keep the leather soft and pliable.

If glazed spots appear a little dry cleaner should be applied. Fine sandpaper, gently rubbed on the surface, also will raise the nap.

Should color renewer be necessary, the suede first must be brushed thoroughly to remove dirt. Then dressing should be daubed sparingly over the entire surface.

When the shoes are thoroughly dry, they should be brushed again with a suede brush, first against the nap and then in the direction that makes the finish look the cleanest and smoothest.

Dent removal

To remove dents from furniture, put a moist blotter over the spot and apply heat from an iron. The heat and moisture will cause the wood to swell.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

\$100,000,000 is spent annually, it is estimated, by persons who think they are spending their money to buy weight-reducing medicine. At least a considerable part of this huge sum is spent on absolute worthless "cures," according to a group of four physicians who have been looking into the matter.

The principal element in many "no diet, no prescription" remedies for reducing appetite, it seems, is a chemical called phenylpropanolamine. So the four physicians made up their minds to give this long-named thing a real test.

THE TEST was carried out on 81 obese persons who are mental deficient. Such persons were selected in order to eliminate some of the psychological factors that tend to influence weight-reduction programs in normally alert persons.

A **SUGAR PILL**, or placebo, as the doctors call it, that is, something that looks like a medicine or drug, but isn't, was given to some of the people undergoing the test. Others got the long-named drug that is the principal element in widely advertised remedies for obesity.

What happened? Nothing. Those who took the sugar pill and those who took the much advertised thing came out with the same average results at the end of the test.

YET MANY WOMEN, and men, too, will continue to think they can get thinner by making their purses thinner through the purchase of the equivalent of a sugar pill, rather than by eating more sensibly which, the doctors say, is the only sure cure in most cases.

Well, Barnum figured there was one born every minute. Evidently he was a good statistician.

Rain washes out sales

"Rain, rain, go away" is the retail merchant's favorite song. It has been estimated that rainy weather washes out department store sales by some 8 percent a day. Specialty and suburban stores' sales are affected even more drastically.

The only sections which gain business during a rainy spell are, of course, umbrellas and rain wear. In one large department store, half of all umbrella sales made over a four-month period were on the 24 days in which rain fell sometime during store hours. For women's rain coats, rainy weather sales were 40 percent of the entire volume.

These are some of the conclusions reached by the National Industrial Conference Board after a study of store sales and weather bureau records over a two year period in New York City. — **Retail Clerks Advocate.**

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Cotton rugs more popular

Cotton rugs requiring less care because of new soil-resistant finishes soon may be in common use, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Some rugs with finishes applied by manufacturers already are on the market.

Laboratory tests by USDA's Agricultural Research Service show that treating rugs with any of three new soil-resisting chemicals after laundering lengthens the period before the rugs need laundering again by an average of 60 percent.

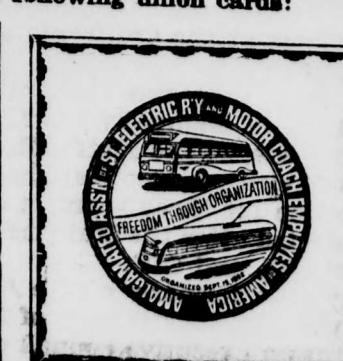
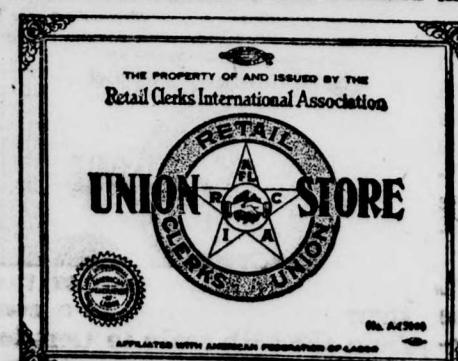
Congress ladies

Here's an interesting story about women in Congress. Did you know that there are 17 of them? Sixteen are in the House of Representatives and one is in the Senate. In the House, they're half and half, with eight Republicans and eight Democrats. Altogether 40 women ran for Congress in the November elections. Who said politics was a man's business? — **COPE, Women's Activities Division**

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfittering work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

EDUCATORS, as well as parents, have long since realized that the "long summer vacation," an ancient tradition with our public school system, has become nothing but a "long summer headache" to parents, juvenile law officers and all other adults having dealings with children.

The long vacation was instituted when our population was largely agricultural, and the labor of a family's children was a vital necessity to the farm during the summer harvest season. There was plenty for children to do to keep them occupied and out of mischief.

We are now mostly a city population, and what farm work is left, is now often done with machinery, and the use of child labor is not encouraged.

Recreation districts have long had good summer programs for the idle children, but they cannot reach all of them. Now a great many school districts have set up "summer schools," where youngsters may employ their time profitably and pleasantly.

These school sessions usually run for half a day only, and offer an extensive program of arts and crafts as well as reading, arithmetic and science. Many children who have lagged a bit in reading or arithmetic can thus remedy some of their troubles.

And the children love it!

"Man," said one enthusiast, to a chum who was not going to school, "we have a lot of fun! I never liked science, but we've got a wonderful teacher and we are learning all about weather! Then we're doing ceramics, and the reading is easy as pie. Man, I like it!"

With all the criticism there has been of placing too much emphasis upon methods, there is no doubt that "how" a subject is presented makes a tremendous difference to the pupil. It is, of course, to be taken for granted that the teacher knows his subject matter.

Summer school must be a pleasure to teachers, because they are not teaching "captives." These children are there because they want to be, and that makes a tremendous difference in their learning ability.

Ways to give life to shoes

Shabby shoes never add to the appearance of a casually yet neatly dressed teen.

In fact, if you take good care of your shoes, you'll get longer life and more comfort from them. It's best to use a shoe horn to avoid stretching the snug fit of the heels and breaking stitches in the leather uppers.

And begin polishing shoes regularly when they are new for protection against scuffs and dirt. Use an old toothbrush to force polish between the soles and uppers to weatherproofing the stitching. The oils in good polish protect the finish and keep the leather supple.

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Milk Drivers' 302 sick leave program attracting attention

The recently negotiated contract of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local 302 has a sick leave program written into it in which Al Brown, secretary-treasurer of the union, says there is special interest among the membership.

Following is an outline of the agreement:

1. Wages—Effective April 1, 1959.

- a) Increase \$1.10 per day (13 3/4¢ per hour) the rate for wholesale drivers, haulers and inside plant employees, in plants where there are more than five days processing per week.
- b) Increase \$1.20 per day (15¢ per hour) the rate for wholesale drivers, haulers and inside plant employees, in plants where there are five days or less processing per week.
- c) Increase pasteurizer rate an additional \$.40 per day (5¢ per hour).

2. Uniforms—Provide an additional uniform. This makes a total of five per year to be issued as follows: October 1—three uniforms, April 1—two uniforms.

3. Holidays—Modify by adding "When a holiday falls during an employee's vacation period, the employee shall receive one additional day's pay or one additional day of vacation."

4. Sick and accident leave—Effective April 1, 1959 under following principles:

- a) Earned at the rate of four hours per month to a maximum forty hours per year; earnings at this rate to accumulate to a maximum of eighty hours;
- b) The employer may require satisfactory proof of illness, including the doctor's certificate;
- c) Sick leave will be payable the second day of sick leave when the individual is not hospitalized, and on the first day when the individual is hospitalized;
- d) Payments will be made at the employee's straight time rate of pay.
- e) Sick benefits in any one week shall not exceed the employee's straight time earnings for that week. Disability insurance payments and workmen's compensation payments for a particular week are to be included in reaching the normal weekly earnings for the employee;
- f) Sick benefits are payable only for regularly scheduled work days on which the employee is off sick;
- g) The provisions of the sick leave section are not to be a subject of collective bargaining prior to April 1, 1961. (A letter of understanding will be executed in order that the union may review any problems arising outside of the principles set forth above.)

5. Vacation—Provide for four weeks vacation after 15 years

Mosk rules on use of prison labor

The Penal Code permits the use of prison inmates in some work outside the confines of their prison, Attorney General Stanley Mosk recently ruled.

Mosk authorized the employment of prisoners at the California Institution for Men at Chino in cleaning up property adjoining the institution, which property is owned by a non-profit association.

The property is that of the San Bernardino County Junior Fair Association. It is presently covered with weeds and an accumulation of trash.

Italian-American groups are merged

NEW YORK — Two groups of trade unionists of Italian descent who fought against totalitarianism abroad and for social justice in this country joined together in the United Italian-American Labor Council at a unity conference.

Luigi Antonini, president of the 17-year-old Italian-American Labor Council and vice president of the Ladies Garment Workers, was named to head the united organization. He was supported for the post by Augusto Bellanca, former president of the Italian-American Labor Alliance, which voted to rejoin the council and end a 15-year schism.

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7. Term of agreement—The term of the agreement is for one year effective April 1, 1959.

8. There are no other changes or modifications to the agreement.

Law helps labor

Governor Edmund G. Brown has signed into law a bill which corrects a Superior Court decision that denied unemployment insurance to employees retired under a union contract.

The bill is AB 2655, authored by Assemblymen Jerome C. Waldie (D), Antioch, and S. C. Masterson (D), El Sobrante.

In a message of greetings to the conference, AFL-CIO President George Meany hailed the contributions of trade unionists of Italian descent in building a united America. Meany wrote:

"As American trade unionists of Italian descent, you have worked tirelessly to enhance the achievements of our nation in advancing liberty, social justice and world peace."

"From the very moment Fascism raised its ugly head in Italy, you fought militantly against it as an enemy of human decency and freedom. None can forget the solidarity and generous aid your members have given to the heroic fighters against the Nazi-Fascist dictators and military aggressors." — AFL-CIO News.

Prudential trying to murder union

W. J. Foley of the Insurance Workers told the Central Labor Council last week that the locals here and in San Francisco have taken strike votes against the Prudential Insurance Company, and that the company in this year's negotiations is plainly persisting in its efforts to destroy the union.

Secretary Robert S. Ash assured Foley that the council will back the union if a strike comes.

Harry Lumsden, Shipyard Laborers 886, said that when a small union is in trouble with a big corporation, it's time for labor to give real help. He concluded with, "Let's all help Foley!"

(Note: See editorial on page 8.)

Regional Parks men now feel 'human'

Ralph Stilson of Regional Parks Local 414 of State, County & Municipal Workers told the Central Labor Council that under the first contract of the new local "we'll get an increase of about a third in our wages, with prospect of a retirement plan later, and will begin to feel like human beings."

The new local was formed with the strong and persistent backing of the CLC.

San Jose papers' strike longest in first half of '59

Work stoppages during the first six months of 1959 idled approximately 40,000 California workers, according to John F. Henning, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

The Department's Division of Labor Statistics and Research recorded 105 work stoppages beginning between January 1 and June 30. The number of workers idled by these stoppages was almost three times as great as the number idled during the first half of 1958, when the recession was at its deepest.

Half the workers idled in the first six months of this year were involved in the retail food industry dispute in the Los Angeles area which began on New Year's Day. Another 5,000 walked out at the U.S. Rubber, Goodrich, and Firestone Tire and Rubber plants.

Of the larger stoppages, the one that lasted the longest was the four-month San Jose Mercury and News shutdown brought about by a dispute between the publisher and several printing unions and the Newspaper Guild.

Still out at the end of June were about 3,000 of the 4,000 plasterers who walked off their jobs in the Los Angeles area on June 1.

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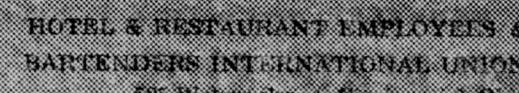
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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At this writing there are approximately 195 fitters, 65 welders and 15 apprentices on the out-of-work list. The employment situation will be very slack for the next six weeks or so.

The business office would like to give the membership a review as to the future and present employment situation. Starting with the Standard Oil refinery, bids are to be open for the new S C C Palmer Plant on July 15 and the successful contractor will be on the job site August 3. This nine-month project will employ approximately 250 fitters and welders. There will also be some off plot pipelines, etc., in connection with this unit. Rosendahl Corporation has just started a pipeline at Standard Oil which will be good for approximately six weeks. C. C. Moore has a small crew at the C & H Sugar in Crockett, which is good for approximately five months. Bechtel Company has started fabricating for a shut-down, starting August 13, Hercules Powder Plant in Pinole.

The Prichard Company has the piping contract for the air reduction plant to be built at Richmond. This project is due to start immediately and should employ approximately 50 fitters and welders at its peak. The contract for the pipeline and pumping station and loading rack "Jet Fuel," west of Martinez, has not been left to date. McClenahan Company is doing a small project now at Shell Oil Company in Martinez. Rosendahl Corporation is running some pipelines and back welding coolers at the Associated Oil Company in Avon.

The office hasn't heard anything relative to the other project to be done at the Associated Oil Refinery in Avon. Columbia Steel has the Eichleay Corporation and any work in this plant depends on the outcome of the steel negotiations. Our members employed by the Midwest Company, Pittsburgh, have voluntarily taken some time off for vacation purposes due to lack of materials.

Eichleay Corporation and Scott Company also have small crews at the P.G.&E., with Eichleay Corporation to supplement their crew. The big job in Contra Costa County, that is—the Fibreboard Plant, Bechtel Company, contractor, will not be ready for our members until some time late in August or September. There will be approximately 500 men of all crafts at the peak of this job, which is March of 1960. Local 342 should have approximately 250 fitters and welders at the job's peak. Completion date is July 1960. The Bechtel Company contract provides for some seventeen million dollars, however, with the off plot work to be done this increases the seventeen million dollars to approximately twenty-seven mil-

lion dollars to be spent by the Fibreboard Company. The Pacific Crane and Rigging Company are on the project now with a small crew of fabricators for a 5-day shutdown July 31.

In Alameda County there are various small projects in the making. At the atomic energy plant in Livermore, there are 3 contractors with small crews.

So, in conclusion, in another six weeks to two months the work situation will be on the up grade. Sister local unions have been placing members, who care to travel, to work. If you wish to work in the jurisdiction of our sister local unions, please call our business office.

Our next membership meeting will be held August 6.

Sheet Metal Local 216

By LLOYD CHILD

You will be interested to know that the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association has a new president and secretary-treasurer.

Robert Byron, president since 1939, passed away in Chicago on May 30 and under the constitution it became mandatory for the general executive council to select someone to fill the unexpired term of president which will be approximately three years. At a meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the week of June 22, the executive council convened and selected Edward Carlough to fill the position as president for the remainder of the term.

As Mr. Carlough was holding the position of general secretary-treasurer of the International Association, this created a vacancy in the secretarial job and it was then necessary to choose someone to fill this job for the unexpired term. The executive board selected David S. Turner to fill the job of general secretary-treasurer for the unexpired term.

Mr. Turner, a former business representative of Local No. 312, Salt Lake City, has been doing a special organizing assignment for the International Association. He is a young man of fine appearance and has ability and it was generally thought this was a wise selection.

Edward Carlough, a former president of Local No. 28, New York City, has been secretary-treasurer of the International Association since the death of James Close in 1951. He has good experience for the job due to the fact that as secretary his job brought him in contact with the problems of the association and the illness of President Byron has in the past created a tremendous responsibility for any individual to carry. His age is favorable for the job and it is anticipated that the sheet metal workers can feel assured they have two top flight men for key positions.

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Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

We're in negotiations and our contracts soon expire. We've failed to fuse divergent views, which adds heat to the fire.

Management is talking tough in almost every instance. They seem to be fanatically obsessed with their resistance.

The wage we earn, incites concern, they feel it's too excessive. We naturally and emphatically suggest thinking more progressive.

They show their charts and stone cold hearts, predicting dire disaster. If we'd both agree to think constructively, we could negotiate a little faster.

Certain employers think unions are the scum of the earth. In view of instances of management misconduct, we'd like to point out that scum also rises to the top.

Misguided legislators are attempting to give unions a haircut. Like Samson, they feel we are too strong. Ironically, the vocal leaders of this attempt are braying out the phony plea for union people protection. We are union people, and we know protection is not gained by legislating ourselves into ineffectiveness. Unlike Samson, the strength of these anti-labor advocates is in the jawbones of Asses.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Two weeks ago we wrote about the "Free-Summer Check your Watch" advertisement and that we were attempting to ascertain the origin of this program. We are glad to inform you that we had a meeting in the office during the past week with the representative of the advertising agency that was responsible for this idea.

After considerable discussion, we feel very confident that this outfit will, in the future, eliminate the use of the word "free" in connection with watch repairs. We attempted to convince them that the problem with the jewelry industry is in educating the general public as to the difference between a jeweled watch and a pin lever watch. If this can be accomplished, it would greatly benefit the watch repair industry.

During the past week, we signed a union agreement with the San Mateo Jewelers located at 2339 El Camino Real, San Mateo. We are always happy to report a new member and a new agreement.

SAN FRANCISCO MEMBER-SHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23rd at 7:30 p.m. —Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason St., San Francisco.

School Bell award goes to man labor sponsors

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Edward P. Morgan, sponsored by the AFL-CIO in a daily news and comment program on the ABC radio network, was honored here as the 1959 School Bell Award of the National Education Association was presented to the network for his broadcasts.—AFL-CIO News.

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Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

The Picnic Chairman, Wally Hicks, announced the picnic for Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444 members and their families will be held at Knowland Park in Area A on Saturday, July 25, 1959, from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. There will be ample parking facilities.

Directions to Area A from Oakland—go East on MacArthur Blvd. to 98th Avenue and turn left to Mountain Blvd.

Directions to Area A from East Oakland—go West on MacArthur Blvd. to 98th Avenue and turn right to Mountain Blvd.

Upon entering the gate, adults only will receive a ticket for a drawing for gate prizes that will be held later in the day. There will be refreshments for adults and children. Please bring a basket lunch for your family.

For adults there will be horseshoe and other interesting games, and for the children there will be an elephant show, the zoo and many other interesting events along with many prizes.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

At the Building Trades board meeting Tuesday, discussion caused us to reaffirm the traditional trades position that working hours are from eight to four—thirty-five hours per week, and other work hours early or late, or weekends are subject to regulation and permits.

There will undoubtedly be serious follow up on this so be aware. Working in violation of agreements can cost members both money and their time.

I want to commend those almost four hundred who attended the Saturday meeting of Local 36 and just hope the rest of you are satisfied with the results. Ballots will be tallied Wednesday at District Council.

I was recently informed that one drink of chicken whiskey will make you lay. You take it for what its worth.

Bridges and Hoffa united in Hawaii

James R. Hoffa told a press conference during the Western Teamsters meeting in San Francisco this week that the Teamsters and the ILWU will cooperate in organizing activities in the State of Hawaii.

This week testimony before the McClellan Committee linked Hoffa and Bridges.

Electricians win apprenticeship discipline case

In a lawsuit of special interest in the industrial relations field, the Court in Reno, Nevada, has reaffirmed the right of joint labor-management apprenticeship committees to weed out learners who neglect or refuse to abide by committee standards of apprenticeship training.

Robert James, former electrician-apprentice of Reno, forfeited his job and his union membership a year ago when the Reno electricians joint apprenticeship committee found him guilty of "unexcused absence" from the classroom instruction which supplements on-the-job training under committee sponsorship.

When James' appeal was denied by the Nevada apprenticeship council, he brought suit for damages in lost wages against Reno local 401 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), charging they "interfered" with his employment. James claimed that as a result of losing his job, he also lost his job, and alleged a violation of the state right-to-work law.

Union attorneys based their defense on the Reno electrician-apprenticeship standards which provide for removal of any apprentice who does not fulfill its training conditions. One provision calls for a minimum of hours of classroom instruction, which they charged James failed to fulfill.

Expert testimony for the defense on the status and structure of joint labor-management apprenticeship training programs was given the court by Lloyd Jones, Nevada supervisor for the Labor Department's apprenticeship bureau.

Judge Grant Bowen ruled that James' employment had not been "interfered with" as charged, that the state right-to-work law had no application in the case, and that the local electrician-apprenticeship standards had not been observed by James.—U.S. Dept. of Labor

New director is chosen for school labor center

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Dr. Jack Stieber, associate director of Michigan State University's Labor and Industrial Relations Center, will succeed Dr. Charles C. Killingsworth as director.

Killingsworth, former chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board, resigned to seek more time for research and teaching. Stieber, who went from the Harvard Business to MSU, formerly was an aide to CIO members of the WSB and a Steelworkers' research associate. — AFL-CIO News.

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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held August 6, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

No membership meetings will be held during the months of July and August unless a special meeting is called. In this event, all members will be notified by mail.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Attention, all members of Shipwrights, Joiners and Boatbuilders Local 1149:

The next regular meeting will be held July 17, 1959.

Fraternally,
STAN LORE,
President and Manager

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m., July 21, 1959.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 1959 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland, California.

Yours fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

NOTICE
The next membership meeting to be held July 16, 1959, will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of the Negotiating Committee relative to the Trust Agreement, governing the forthcoming Pension Plan.

The membership of Steamfitters Union #342 is invited to attend a meeting of the Skilled Improvement Committee to be held on Thursday, July 23, 1959 in Hall "C", Main Floor, Labor Temple, at 8:00 P.M.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr.

CARPENTERS 36

The officers of Carpenters Local Union 36 wish to take this opportunity to thank the many brothers who turned out to vote on the newly negotiated contract and the raise in dues, for 1959-60. The results were as follows:

For Acceptance of Contract 348
Opposed 31
For a dues increase 247
Opposed 133

Your stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., July 16, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday, July 22, 1959 at Carpenters Hall, 761-12th Street, Oakland 7, Calif.

All members appointed to committees should attend these meetings. Our next regular meeting will be Friday 8 p.m., July 17, 1959 at the above stated address.

The elected delegates to the California Labor Federation were: Bros. Thoman, Wilson, Hudgins, Hightower and Walsh.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held July 21 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE
Business Representative

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of July 24, 1959 has been designated a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to attend the California Labor Federation convention to be held in Balboa Park, California the week of August 10, 1959.

There is a change in our dues and assessments for the 3rd quarter. For those members who mail in dues the correct amount is \$27.15.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of July will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT: The deadline for filing for a "MINIMUM PENSION" under the Carpenters' pension trust fund has been extended to July 31, 1959. This deadline applies only to carpenters who have retired under the Social Security Act and from the carpenter's trade between June 15, 1959 and June 15, 1957 and have 15 years of employment as a carpenter in the construction industry in Northern California, not necessarily consecutive years.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, July 16th at 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

To settle an unforeseen hassle, we're calling a special meeting Friday, July 17, to elect a president of L. U. 1178 to serve the remainder of the year ending June 30, 1960.

On July 17 we will also elect two delegates to attend the convention of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, dated August 10th.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER
Recording Secretary

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Membership meeting Friday, July 24, 1959 at 8:00 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY MCDAID
Recording Secretary

S. F. OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, July 19, 1959 at 1 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
HORACE W. STAFFORD
Secretary

Owner takes Fifth in Teamster probe

WASHINGTON—Two trucking employers have told the McClellan special Senate committee they made "payoffs" to the president of a Teamsters local in Hoboken, N. J., and a third employer invoked the Fifth Amendment in refusing to testify about an alleged payoff 12 years ago to John Conlin, then head of the Hoboken local and now first vice president of the international union.

An employer representative testified that Teamsters Pres. James R. Hoffa, then a vice president, had offered to settle a Teamsters' contract in New York for less than the local union subsequently negotiated. — AFL-CIO News

President Hightower of Carpenters 36 in moving farewell to CLC here

Joseph Hightower, who was recently elected president of Carpenters Local 36, made a moving farewell address as a delegate to the Central Labor Council this week.

He said that during his seven years in the council he felt that he had learned much by participating in its operations, and said that it was with deep regret that he was severing his weekly contact with the stimulating companionship of the council's officers and members.

Secretary Robert S. Ash pointed out that Hightower had not been defeated for reelection as a delegate, but had not run for that office when running for president.

State Fed in program to meet growing plight of farm labor

paychecks of less than \$1.00 a week.

The Imperial Valley delegation presented the executive council with photostatic copies of three checks showing payments to braceros for a week's work in the amount of 10c, 17c and 50c.

Example after example was given of Mexican nationals being misused in skilled work classifications contrary to Public Law 78 and the international agreement with Mexico under which the bracero is brought into the United States.

In many instances, the Imperial Valley delegation pointed out, the bracero is found engaged in construction activities on and off farms at the rate of 70c an hour.

Similarly, the Mexican national is being used in the operation of farm machinery in skilled job classifications, despite federal law limiting his use to field labor only, and despite the existence of an abundant supply of domestic labor. — California Labor Federation.

Labor lists six Senators to beat

Of the 33 Senators who must stand for reelection next year, seven voted against every single one of the four pieces of legislation aimed at plugging tax loopholes and helping those who need help most.

They are Democrats Willis Robertson (Va.) and Strom Thurmond (S.C.); and Republicans Carl Curtis (Neb.), Thomas Martin (Iowa), Karl Mundt (S.D.), Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.) and Andrew Schoepf (Kan.). (Three of the 33—Democrats James Eastland (Miss.), Allen Ellender (La.) and John McClellan (La.)—voted against all three tax measures.)

On the other hand, only two Senators who will be up for reelection in 1960 voted for all four of the bills. They were Estes Kefauver (Tenn.) and Richard Neuberger (Ore.), both Democrats.—COPE

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CORPORATION FARMERS' mouthpiece, the California Farmer, says editorially that a lot of "do-gooders" are trying to interfere with the freedom of farmers to manage their own affairs. Among the "do-gooders" the corporation sheet lists the California Labor Federation which is making a drive to organize the farm laborers. One look at the above picture reminds anyone with an open mind how callously farm laborers are treated by the California Farmer's backers in this State and in Arizona. Forty-six farm workers were crammed inside the rear of this truck-bus when it crashed into a tree near Phoenix. Fifteen Mexicans and an American driver died in flames.

CWA boosts per capita; plans an expanded organizing drive

Delegates, whose names were published in last week's East Bay Labor Journal, recently returned here from the 21st convention in Cleveland of the Communications Workers, attended by some 2,000 delegates.

The convention raised the per capita and laid plans for an expanded organizing drive.

The additional 50 cents per month per member means the CWA will be able to carry out a series of bold plans for expansion of its activities—including organizing, servicing, public relations, consolidation of the Washington and Richmond, Va., offices and establishment of a building fund to purchase the new international headquarters in Washington, which will be completed in September.

The convention also endorsed suggestions for a collective bargaining program which would help offset the job-displacing effects of automation and provide for transfer of employees from obsolete jobs to newly-created jobs, with employers paying the cost of relocation when moving to another community is necessary.

In a letter of greeting to the convention, AFLCIO Pres. George Meany called on the CWA to continue to make improvements in the wage and working conditions of its members—the job it has "performed well throughout its history."

Executive officers of the union were all re-elected. Beirne defeated Edward J. Ward of St. Louis Local 6350 by a vote of 230,227 to 13,281.

Earlier Ward and the seven other members of the local's executive board had been refused delegates' seats by convention

vote after the Credentials Committee reported charges of dual unionism against them for which no defense was offered. Ward was accused of "assistance and support" of the unaffiliated Independent Workers of Long Lines, a union dual to the CWA.

It also will permit a start on repayment of loans from local unions which have kept the international going since a proposed per capita increase was rejected at the 1958 convention.

Support for the increase was voiced by delegates from all parts of the country. Before the final vote, a move to change the effective date from July 1 to Sept. 1 was roundly defeated. The convention action boosts the per capita to \$2 per month, plus 50 cents earmarked for the Defense fund.

The convention, after hearing Pres. Joseph A. Beirne warn that automation is "the adversary who cuts off your legs before you know he's coming," called on Congress to establish a "bureau of automation" in the Labor Dept. to maintain surveillance over the situation and make recommendations to Congress and the President.

The resolution pointed out that in the year ending Dec. 31, 1958, total Bell System employment dropped 8.5 percent while telephones increased by 2.5 million, local calls increased 4.4 percent and long distance conversations jumped 5.4 percent.

EARNINGS, weekly and hourly, of manufacturing production workers in California rose to all-time highs in May, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced.

Labor Day safety drive by unions

The trade union movement is taking the lead in a nationwide campaign for a safe and sane Labor Day weekend.

The safety drive "to check the senseless slaughter on our highways" will be carried on during the summer through affiliated unions and the labor press, announced Chairman Richard F. Walsh of the AFLCIO Committee on Safety and Occupational Health.

Walsh, president of the Theatrical Stage Employes, said the campaign will be conducted in cooperation with the National Safety Council. The NSC's Labor Conference is headed by Machinists' Vice-Pres. P. L. (Roy) Siemiller.—AFLCIO News

125 tugboat oilers who were fired illegally

NEW YORK—Bowing to a federal court order, 10 railroads serving the Port of New York have reinstated 125 tugboat oilers whose arbitrary dismissal June 15 touched off a five-day tieup of railroad marine operations here.

Federal District Court Judge Frederick van Pelt Bryan, sustaining the arguments of the Transport Workers which represents the majority of the oilers, directed the railroads to rehire the men "pending the completion of appropriate processes under the Railway Labor Act."

The union contended the dismissal notices ending the employment of all oilers aboard diesel tugs which haul barges loaded with railroad cars across the Hudson River—constituted a unilateral modification of existing contracts.—AFLCIO News

Shelley says if bribe given somebody must give the bribe

Representative John F. Shelley (D., Calif.) charges that "so-called labor-management reform legislation" as enacted by the Senate and now under consideration by the House ignores the wrongdoing of management and management agents while threatening a "terribly unfair and discriminating blow" at the honest trade union movement.

Shelley read on the floor of the House a letter he has written to Representative Graham A. Barden (D., N.C.), chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, which has been incorporated in the committee hearings.

The California Democrat, himself a former union official, said he was heartily in favor of legislation that will help to root out corruption in the labor movement, but said such legislation should be "aimed at the whole problem, not just one facet of it."

"I don't think we will erase the problem of labor-management corruption if we get only at the Becks," he continued.

"I don't think we'll be hitting at the real problem until we get at all the Sheffermans in the business. And when I say 'all the Sheffermans' I mean not only those who . . . have engaged in rather flagrant, obvious types of unethical, if not illegal, behavior. I mean all those hundreds, perhaps thousands, of respectable lawyers and labor-relations consultants who are daily giving advice to business on how to seduce labor officials, how to threaten union spokesmen, how to beat up labor organizers who refuse to be silenced or seduced."

Fundamental immorality in the business community is responsible for most labor-management corruption, Shelley charged. Yet, he said, the press has failed to report the findings of the McClellan investigation that make this clear, with the result that only union shortcomings are generally known. The same attitude is apparent in current legislative proposals, he said.

"Neither the Kennedy-Ervin bill as it passed the Senate, the Barden bill nor the Kearns bill comes anywhere near solving the kinds of problems which have been exposed in the course of

Ship construction sought for coast

C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO, has called for united action by business and labor to secure some \$62 million in ship construction work for California.

In a statement issued at an emergency press conference called by the Governor's Committee for Ship Construction and Repair, the state AFLCIO leader said that California stands to lose the construction of three American Mail Line freighters and two Pacific Far East Line ships if shipowners fail to indicate their preference for construction in the state.

The construction work involves an estimated 12 million man-hours of work. — California Labor Federation.

the McClellan hearings," he went on.

"Bribery can exist only when there is a taker and a giver. And unlike the Biblical mandate that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive,' in bribery it is just as reprehensible to give as to receive."

Shelley cited a long list of corrupt management practices revealed by the McClellan Committee, none of which, he said, are dealt with by current reform measures.

"Let us never be fooled into thinking that punitive, one-sided, politically-attractive anti-labor legislation is going to solve corruption, immorality or lack of democracy in labor-management relations," he said.

"I call upon the House Labor Committee and the Congress itself to proceed carefully and fairly, and enact legislation which will really strike at the problem of corruption in our society whenever and in whatever form it takes place."

Top State Court quotes praise of unions' function

The California Supreme Court, in a decision invalidating a county right-to-work ordinance, quoted approvingly the 1958 report of the American Civil Liberties Union on "Democracy in Labor Unions."

Justice B. Rey Schauer, writing for the court in Chavez v. Sargent, said the ACLU report was of "particular significance" in supporting the right of the "individual workman to have full freedom of self-organization, and to designate representatives of his own choosing to negotiate the terms and conditions of his employment."

The report also recognized that "practicality presents obstacles which preclude Utopia in union democracy," the court noted.

The Union's statement listed three compelling reasons why unions should have a special responsibility for maintaining democratic standards:

- The union is the worker's industrial government; in collective bargaining it acts as the representative of every worker within the bargaining unit;

- The power which the union holds over the individual worker is largely derived from government;

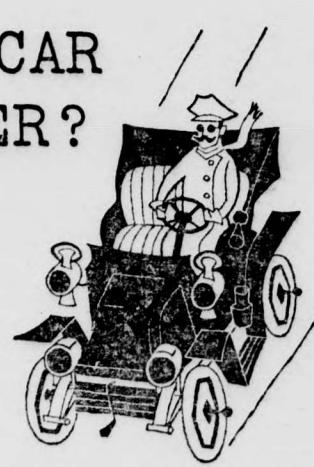
- The principal moral justification for unions is that they introduce an element of democracy into the government of industry. — AFLCIO Open Forum.

'Durable' goods just don't endure

Prior to World War II, countries like Japan were known as prolific suppliers of cheap junk found in dime stores and department store basements. On the other hand, the United States was known the world over for its high quality, durable merchandise. Like the American dollar, it was the best.

The postwar has seen a dangerous reversal of this pattern. Because of monopoly controls and the ability to exact the highest rate of unit profit from their products, American industries have reduced the quality and radically raised prices at the same time. What formerly were known as "durable" products—meaning they would last 10 or 15 years with a minimum of repairs—now are called "semi-durable," which last perhaps five or six years and need many repairs in between. — St. Louis Labor Tribune.

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Building Trades Council spokesmen stir conventions

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ful controversies with the new vice presidents from the CIO would be badly mistaken, said Jones, as all but one of the new CIO vice presidents cooperated splendidly, and brought up no unnecessary controversies; and in the case of the one CIO vice president mentioned, the other CIO vice presidents took it on themselves to pull him into line without the AFL men becoming involved.

Jones commented, as he had at a Central Labor Council meeting, on Max Osslo of the Butchers being returned to his seat on the executive council, and being welcomed by all.

SHEET METAL LEADERS

BTC President Joseph Pruss announced Edward Carlough, secretary-treasurer of the Sheet Metal Workers International Union, had been made president of that organization, following the death of President Byron, and that Dave Turner, an international representative from Salt Lake, had been made secretary-treasurer.

PRISON LABOR

The delegates accepted the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents that Alameda County Supervisors be informed that "we cannot approve and sanction the use of prison labor to help construct voting booths."

NEW BTC CONTRACTS

Childers reported that the new forms for BTC contracts with employers were now in use, having been examined by officers of all affiliated unions, and that contractors were signing them. He said the new contract is almost twice as long as the old one, as there have been many changes in interpretation of law since the old one was formulated, and also that experience had shown it necessary to spell out some rules in more detail.

Secretary Davy announced that the H & M Construction Company and the West Coast Specialty Company had signed BTC contracts since the last meeting.

H. L. MEADOWS CO.

Childers advised keeping a close watch on the operations of the H. L. Meadows Roofing & Tile Service Company, run by two former working roofers who are now operating nonunion with headquarters on the Peninsula, and with expanding operations all over the Bay Area.

"Let us know if you find them operating anywhere in our territory," the BTC business representative asked the delegates.

STEEL MACHINISTS

Childers reported that at the Pabco plant the Steamfitters had had some difficulties with Steel Machinists 1304, but that this dispute had been settled to the satisfaction of the Steamfitters.

QUINN MADE TRUSTEE

Bob Quinn of the Sheet Metal Workers, who had formerly served as a trustee for many years, was elected on motion of Bruce Dillashaw of the Cement Masons to take the place as a trustee made vacant by the resignation of Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers, who has taken a position with the California Vision Service.

There was good humored laughter as Quinn took the oath of office, as Quinn had previously served so long as a trustee that members had come to think of him as a permanent trustee, and it seemed odd to them to see him being sworn in as though he were a newcomer. President Pruss himself smiled a little as he recited the solemn oath repeated by Quinn.

Tell 'em you saw it in the
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Farms, mechanized and dangerous, to be inspected now

California farms will be inspected on a regular scheduled basis by the State Division of Industrial Safety it is announced by John F. Henning, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Henning stated that the new safety policy for agriculture had been ordered July 1, 1959 by Thomas N. Saunders, Chief of the state safety division.

Henning also declared that—

(1) Agriculture was the third most hazardous industry in the state for workers, trailing only mining and logging operations;

(2) while the state safety division has long been active in educational work in agriculture, regular scheduled inspections of farm employment have not been made in the same pattern as is manufacturing and other industries of the state;

(3) 1958 statistics showed that the injury rate in agriculture was 56 percent above the average of all other industries;

(4) the state safety division also plans to adopt new safety orders which would apply specifically to farms and farm equipment. Meetings on the adoption of new orders will be held later in the year.

Housing bill veto angers labor folk

Pres. Eisenhower vetoed the sharply pared-down omnibus housing bill amid signs that the veto presented a clash with the Democratic Congress that might become a major issue in next year's political campaigns.

The AFLCIO had asked Eisenhower six days before the veto to sign the housing bill as a "moderate" proposal resulting from "searching congressional study and debate" and passed with "strong bipartisan support." — AFLCIO News

15th AD Demos to picnic on Sunday

The 15th Assembly District Democrats will meet Sunday, July 19th, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Dimond Park, Redwood Area, for their annual picnic.

There will be entertainment: Music, games and prizes. Assemblyman Nick Petris will speak. All are invited.

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California labor is mobilizing for labor bill crisis

Mobilization of AFLCIO unions throughout California moved into high gear this week behind nationwide efforts to secure Congressional enactment of a sound labor-management anti-racketeering law and defeat of the Kennedy-Ervin bill in its present form.

Local unions in the State have undertaken a mass letter-writing campaign to their representatives in Congress urging that the Senate-passed "reform" measure be stripped of its provisions which would drastically weaken the rights of workers and block labor's battle against corruption.

As the letter-writing campaign was being developed, the House Labor Committee continued to plow slowly through a point-by-point discussion of the Senate-passed Labor-Management bill, embodied in S. 1555.

Recently the House committee adopted amendments making the measure even less acceptable to organized labor by whittling down the amount of information required to be reported to the government by employers spending money to keep their workers from organizing and bargaining effectively.

A provision requiring that employers shall report all expenditures designed to "persuade" workers not to exercise their rights of self-organization was effectively changed to relieve employer reporting of any funds spent to discourage unions except where a direct unfair labor practice is committed.

A House committee action was interpreted generally by political observers as reflecting an apparent attitude in Congress to further convert the original labor reform measure, supported by organized labor, into a vehicle for weakening the trade union movement. — California Labor Federation

Hospital pact for 2 years announced

Seven East Bay private hospitals bargaining as Associated Hospitals with Hospital Workers Local 250 reached agreement this week on a 2-year contract, reopening the second year for wage discussions, providing pay increases from \$10 to \$15 per month effective July 1.

The hospitals covered are Children's Hospital of the East Bay, Merritt, Peralta and Providence, all in Oakland; Alta Bates and Herrick in Berkeley, and Alameda Hospital in Alameda.

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Some terms of culinary pact especially please unionists

The restaurant and tavern industry was proceeding peacefully on its way this week under the terms of the contract between the Joint Council of Culinary Workers and the employers reported in last week's East Bay Labor Journal.

Members of the unions' negotiating committee were: Pat Sander and Jack Faber of Cooks 228; Joe Canale and Steve Revilak of Bartenders 52; Fran Kaczmarek, Edrie Wright, and Elmo Rula of Culinary Alliance 31 which includes the waitresses and miscellaneous employees. Sander was chairman of the committee.

Miss Kaczmarek said this week that many things which had long been bothering her local got settled under the new contract. Among these were detailed job descriptions for positions about which there had been vagueness in the past; travel time, transfer pay, conditions for a head banquet girl, including the number of "overs."

The fact that restaurants will now be listed as Classes 1 and 2 rather than the former Classes A and B in determining wage classifications will make things clearer than in the past, Miss Kaczmarek feels.

"We had a strike fund and were prepared to pay our people six dollars a day while they were out, if it had come to that," she added. "But as it turned out, this is the first time we've got the negotiations done and the agreement settled without any extension of time."

Sander told the Central Labor Council this week that "we're all very happy, and feel we came out better than we have for years."

He thanked the council for assistance given the negotiators.

Among the items in the new contract which Sander says especially please the membership are:

- A raise in food allowance for bartenders and waitresses—up to 50 cents per day.
- A raise in laundry allowance for bartenders and waitresses.
- Complete supply and laundry of all cooks' uniforms, or a penalty of \$2.25 per day.
- Upgrading of all Class II

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Shelley asks Governor to back 160-acre limit

Congressman John F. Shelley has wired Governor Brown asking him to work for a 160-acre limit on distribution of water from State reclamation projects.

Brown has announced that before the big water bond issue goes to the people in 1960 he will see to it that steps are taken to prevent unjust enrichment of big landholders.

Shelley notified Brown in his telegram that along with other Congressmen he intends to do everything possible to strike from the House version of the San Luis bill a section which would exempt California from the 160-acre limit.

The section which would eliminate the 160-acre limit and lead to unjust enrichment of multimillionaire land speculators and corporation farmers is the one introduced by Congressman Sisk of the Congressional District including Fresno, Merced, and Madera counties. It's the same clause that was eliminated from the Senate bill on the same subject—eliminated by the heroic efforts of Senators Morse and Neuberger of Oregon, and Senator Douglas of Illinois, with Senators Kuchel and Engle of California on the unjust enrichment side.

Congressman Sisk, who so obdurately sticks with the idea of helping the rich to get richer, had always been considered a liberal Democrat until this fight came up. But the sheep are going to get separated from the goats in the Democratic Party on this issue—the men from the boys, the true liberals from the phonies. So several prominent Democrats, elected in considerable part by the efforts of labor, had better do some very serious thinking.

Organized labor in this State has stood by the 160-acre limit policy for many years, and any politician who wants labor's support in the future had better decide, and soon, whether he is for decent farmers and labor or for the big land speculators and corporation farmers who lined up with the urban big business interests to defeat the minimum wage bill in the recent session of the Legislature.

The Consumer Counsel

Miss Persia Campbell, who participated in last Saturday's consumer conference in San Francisco co-sponsored and attended by many labor people, was for four years Consumer Counsel in New York, and a member of Democratic Governor Harriman's cabinet as such. She told the press here:

"I think we did a good job, but Governor Rockefeller didn't. Consumer problems in New York are now handled by the Commerce Department, which is a captive of business interests. I think it's a shame."

She pointed out that California under Governor Brown's leadership is the first State in the country to get legislative authorization for the establishing of the office of Consumer Counsel, and she added that "the whole nation is watching you."

What the much touted "liberal" Republican Governor Rockefeller did was perfectly natural—he just turned the job of helping the consumer over to Madison Avenue, the place where the big advertisers put the sticky paste on the flypaper.

Organized labor itself has for many years, much to the surprise of organized labor in Britain and Europe, paid very little attention to its own interest as the representative of the largest group of consumers in the country.

Let's hope that we labor people will really back the efforts of the Consumer Counsel soon to be named by the Governor.

Prudential's plot

The contract terms on which the Prudential Insurance Company is insisting, as read out to the Central Labor Council by William J. Foley of the AFLCIO Insurance Agents Union, constitute a murder plot—a plot to murder the union.

A big corporation has decided to kill a small union. That's the story.

Secretary Robert S. Ash undoubtedly expressed the sentiment of the CLC delegates when he said that the council will back the union and give it real assistance.

But as Harry Lumsden of the Shipyard Laborers told the council, this is going to be a tough one, and a real test of the willingness of other labor people, in the bigger unions, to help a small union that is in serious trouble.

Brother Foley has sometimes annoyed fellow delegates by telling plain truths in an exceedingly plain fashion, but it is to be assumed that intelligent labor people will now transfer any feeling of annoyance they have to Prudential, which is telling some plain lies about unionism in a very intricate fashion.

You Were Saying . . .



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THE ILWU

Editor, Labor Journal:

It was several weeks ago that an editorial concerning the ILWU appeared in the East Bay Labor Journal. At that time I wrote down my thoughts, but for some reason I just let them lie there on my dresser, occasionally I reread them and finally, I am moved to send them in.

It struck me that your editorial had within it the seed of awakening reason and really invited further discussion, which, I think, could do the whole labor movement some good if it does not frighten you into the security of a "play it by ear" silence.

Did you mean that Ryan, Beck, Lundberg and later Tim Flynn, a Steelworker official, and various Auto Worker regional officials and others in CIO all lent aid in building the ILWU by their plots, prejudices and practices? My thinking is that all labor suffered because of them.

Does Bay Area labor feel that if Bridges and the militant ILWU had been successfully broken by the shipowners or the labor-fakers, separately or in "cahoots," it would be as strong as it is today? Certainly not, I would say.

Does being "respectable" erase the early beginnings of many very large unions which were "born" because the ILWU marched inland and organized the tough way in steel, auto, oil, rubber, wood and textile—largely unorganized before the Bridges-led union emerged? For that matter, didn't widespread union organizing really begin then? When were many union doors pried open to large minority groups never before admitted—a task not exactly completed yet?

What really working-class issue ever found the ILWU wanting? Look them over—price and rent controls, civil liberties, minority rights, outright refusal to go even one step with Taft-Hartley, not one incident of acceding to employer or politician blacklisting attempts, fair and equal distribution of work at union set rates and standards among the most progressive ever established. The ILWU met them all with unequivocal candor and straight-forward action.

Democracy thrives when it is most practiced. It may be "respectable" to have unions run for the members by officials, but a union that is run by its members and reflects its members' decisions and wishes has achieved for itself more than mere respectability—it has dignity. Is any other union as in-

MACHINES THRIVING, BUT MEN?

Fritz Klenner, Austrian trade union leader, in Free Labor World, published by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions:

People today are sick and tired of politics, economics, parties and organizations. Often they have lost their faith in their fellow creatures, their pride in their work, their respect for human dignity and their belief in goodness and humanity. Democracy, freedom, the struggle for progress—to many people all these are just party slogans, a "put up job."

People today—not all of them, but not a few of them either—feel that the ground has given way beneath their feet. The workers feel this way too.

The class ties no longer exist. New marginal classes have joined the broader working class and parts of the latter have graduated to the so-called middle classes. Present day man joins an association or an organization, usually a powerful mass organization, not out of any particular community spirit but in order to advance his own interests.

Where material considerations are at stake, ideological ones have to go by the board, with the result that people become still more dissatisfied and harder to please.

Technological progress must certainly give people leisure and comfort. There are no two opinions about that. But is it really progress if workers now spend their evenings sitting at home in a comfortable armchair listening to popular music, when in the old days they would have been attending night school and studying?

End of the line

Currently going the rounds Stateside is the story of a second looie assigned as a mess officer at an isolated spot in Saudi Arabia. An Army general inspecting overseas mess halls called him on the carpet for inefficiency. When the general concluded his chewing-out, the looie turned on his heel without saluting.

"Lieutenant," shouted the general, "do you realize what I can do to you for what you have done?"

The lieutenant slowly turned around. "Sir," he said, "I am a second lieutenant. I am in Saudi Arabia. And I am a mess officer. Just what more can you do to me?"—The Lather

Mass picketing

Personally, it has been my opinion for a long time that mass picketing does more harm than good. It is an invitation to unjustified violence through mass hysteria. It is emotion on a rampage, rather than reasonable men endeavoring to solve a dispute in a rational way.

The subject of mass picketing, however, should not be studied alone and isolated. It should be considered in its relationship to strikebreakers. If there were a law prohibiting the use of strikebreakers and "back to work movements" initiated by management, there would be no need for mass picketing of any kind. Both should be put into the same legislative basket. — Rev. Father Geo. G. Higgins in USF's Panel.

FDR's example

FDR has gone to his reward. But the example of his deeds and actions can still sustain us in all including those who have been entrusted with leadership in these critical times. And his great strength which he drew from the people, is still here and available to those who prove themselves worthy of it — Farmer-Labor Press